GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Expansion of Railway Network
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether NITI Aayog has asked the Railways to formulate a national scheme to spread the network of railway lines throughout the country;

(b) whether the Railways has considered or showed willingness to consider this proposal of NITI Aayog;

(c) whether the Government is likely to formulate a scheme separately to expand the railway network in all the districts of the country on the lines of National Highways Authority of India set up for construction of roads and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is likely to take any measures to bring railways at par with roadways and airways which are other sources of transport?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. Niti Aayog has not asked formally to formulate a scheme to spread the network of railway throughout the country.

(c): Railways is in the process of making National Rail Plan-2030 to expand the railway network based upon representation and requests from various stakeholders such as various Ministries, State Governments, elected representatives, Industries with consideration of operational requirement, bottlenecks, strategic requirements and socio-economic considerations. It is not related to connecting all districts of the country on the lines of National Highway Authority of India and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana.

(d): Different modes of transport like Railways, roadways and airways shall complement each other and provide services in their respective fields.

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